

**ABSTRACT**

The present invention leverages a data gathering service to provide information regarding a system's health state *via* a computing entity, local *and/or* remote. This provides an optimized means to aggregate a single network's data *and/or* multiple networks' data, decreasing the amount of effort required by system administrators to manage health related alerts. In one instance of the present invention, a data gathering service aggregates health data from systems and provides access to this information *via* a communication means. In another instance of the present invention, aggregated, averaged data is utilized to provide manual *and/or* automatic control *and/or* management facilitation of health monitoring related tasks.